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1. A reception in honor of the Moroccan throne recently took place at the Maghreb Office in Cairo. Allal el Fassy, leader of the Istiqlal Party of French Morocco, Mohammed Ben Aboud, Cairo representative of the Islah Party of Spanish Morocco, and Habib Bourguiba, leader of the Neo Destour Party of Tunisia, were present and delivered addresses praising the Moroccan monarch. Behind the scenes there was friction between El Fassy and Ben Aboud on the question of precedence in giving speeches.
2. Abd-el-Krim and his brother were absent from the reception. They took the occasion to make public their withdrawal from the Maghreb Office and their intention to have nothing more to do with it. According to source, Krim has been cool to both El Fassy and Ben Aboud, who have been trying to stay on good terms with him.
3. Source reports that there is a growing rift between Moroccans and Tunisians still associated with the Maghreb Office. **Comment.** The Maghreb Office was originally set up to co-ordinate the activities of the various North African Nationalist parties.)



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